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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1,111

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005 setting a three-month period for response.

A petition payment for an additional three-months to respond to the Office Action and payment of the appropriate fee is concurrently filed.

The Amendments of the Claims begin on page 2. The Amendments to the Claims are made without prejudice to Applicant's right to further prosecute claims of similar scope.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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